

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending.

In the Office Action mailed September 22, 2008 claims 1-5, 10 and 11 were rejected and Claims 6 and 14-17 were objected as depending on a rejected base claim. The examiner indicated that Claims 7-9, 12 and 13 appear to be allowable

At the onset, we note that the Office Action mailed on September 22, 2008 is based on the claims as originally filed and not on the claims as amended by the preliminary amendment filed January 27, 2006. Applicants' amendments are thus based on the claims as originally filed.

By this Amendment, Applicants canceled claims 1-5, 10 and 11 and amended claims 6, 14 and 16. Amendment to claims 6, 14 and 16 are supported by the application as filed. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Claims 1-5, 10 and 11 have been rejected under 102(b) as anticipated by Hinegardner et al and under 102(a) as anticipated by Dai et al. Applicants have cancelled claims 1-5, 10 and 11, thus, rejection of claims 1-5, 10 and 11 is moot.

Claims 6 and 14-17 were objected to as depending on a rejected base claim. Claims 6 and 14 and 16 have been amended. As amended the claims depend on an allowable claim. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issuance are earnestly solicited. In the event that there are any fees due and owing in

connection with this matter, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 50-4711

Respectfully submitted,

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